

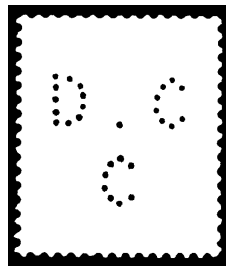
DESFORD COLLIERY CO LTD.

Roy Gault

In Section 'D' of the New Illustrated Catalogue can be found details of two unidentified dies with **Leicester** postmarks and consecutive dates, namely "D.C/C" and "DCC/Ltd". When I prepared that particular section I would have looked for a possible user in a trade directory, mainly due to the local interest, but failed. However, I must have blinked and missed it as the only possible user fitting all these letters is:

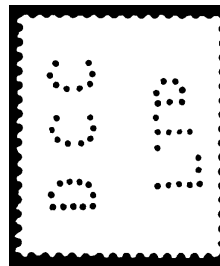
Desford Coal Co Ltd, Colliery Proprietors,
1 De Montfort Chambers, Horsefair St, Leicester.

1900-1920



D0665.01

1920-1939



D0670.01

The 'Register of Defunct and other Companies' records them as registering in 1900 (presumably as a Limited Company), and going into Voluntary Liquidation on 7th March 1951. The collieries etc., having been vested in the National Coal Board (formed 1st Jan 1947).



Desford colliery had two shafts, Desford No.1 and No.2, both situated near the village of Bagworth. The above illustration shows a replica model railway wagon lined out in the company colours. The wagon type is described as 'early' and doesn't use the word 'Limited'.

Can anyone report dates for either die to tie down the changover?